

38 server application executing on [the] a computer system of the hand-held digital imaging device.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 14-16 and 19-20 were amended. Claims 1-8 and 10-20 remain pending.

A personal interview was conducted on May 10, 2000, between Examiner Hamdan and Applicant's attorney. During the interview, it was agreed to amend the independent claims to specify that the digital imaging device is "hand-held" to make clear that the claimed device is portable. Attorney for Applicant thanks Examiner Hamdan for offering his helpful amendment suggestions in order to facilitate allowance of the present application.

In response to the interview, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8, have been amended to recite a "hand-held digital camera" and are now consistent with the preamble of independent claim 14, which previously recited a "hand held" digital imaging device. The remainder of claim 14 and claims 16 and 20 were amended to replace all occurrences of "digital imaging device" with "hand-held digital imaging device." And claims 15 and 18 were amended to correct informalities. Accordingly, it is submitted that no matter has been added, and that no new search should be necessary since all the amendments were previously in the claims.

Claims 1-8 and 10-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Molly E. Holzschlag in view of the Parulski et al. (U.S. patent No. 5,633,678). For the reasons discussed during the interview, it believed that the recited claims distinguish over a combination of Holzschlag and Parulski wherein Parulski's camera is attached to Holzschlag computer.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-8 and 10-20 are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to

issue of claims 1-18 and 10-20 as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes that this Application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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